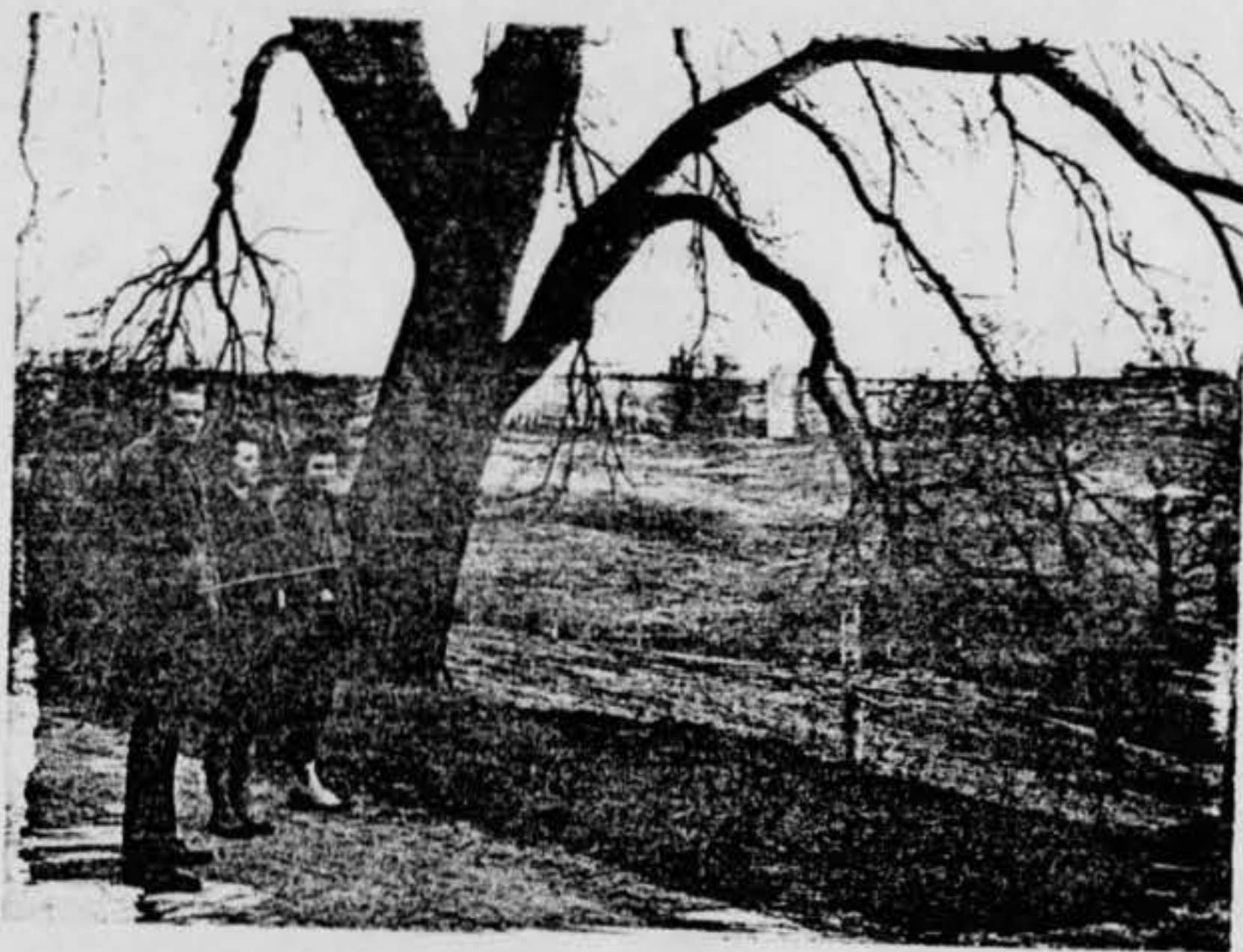


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE 8 February 1963 | | 2. LOCATION Maysville, Kentucky | | 12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon | |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>night</u> GMT _____ | | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft | |
| 5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | 6. SOURCE Civilian | | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION about 30 seconds | | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one | 9. COURSE west | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sighting of object through trees. Appeared to be standing still and then moving off at great speed. Also observed lights (as lights) by additional witness as object flew over highway to the west. | | | 11. COMMENTS Case investigated by Dr. Hynek and L/Col Friend. From information given by witnesses, the object was probably low level a/c mission. Check with 8 AF revealed that SAC was flying low level (2,000 ft) missions on RBS site near Lexington on night of the 8th. This target was in constant use throughout the period of the report. Witness notified of evaluation. | | |

















UFO SIGHTING
MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY
8 February, 1963

On 8 February a man was returning from a basketball game with his three teenage children when he observed an object that resembled an aircraft resting over a field in front of his house. The party jumped out of the car to get a better look at the object. The object was described as round, about 30 ft in diameter, with two red lights opposite each other and two blue lights opposite each other spaced at equal intervals along the circumference. They judged the object to be about 200 ft in altitude, hanging in the air. Almost immediately the object began to move and it changed its position by tilting until it was vertical with the earth's surface, whereas it had been horizontal previously. The altitude was assumed to be very low since the object could be observed through the trees on a hillside to the West of the observers location. After the object began to move only the red lights were visible. Sound that accompanied the object was similar to an aircraft. Flight was horizontal after the object began to move and the speed was tremendous. Total duration of the sighting was about 30 seconds.

The sighting was reported to the FBI on 12 Feb 63 in the form of a letter. This information was then forwarded to the Air Force for investigation. A team from Wright-Patterson investigated the sighting since the object presented characteristics that did not conform with known aircraft capabilities.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the sighting had indeed taken place and that the reported information was extremely accurate as to time, description, and other related information. It was determined that the initial phase of the sighting which presented the appearance of hovering could have been created as an illusion by an approaching aircraft. This was considered since sound of an aircraft had accompanied the object. The speed, as indicated by the duration of the sighting, meant that the object must have been greater than conventional aircraft. A check with related aircraft information revealed that an RBS (Radar Bomb Scoring) site used in SAC training missions was located near Lexington, Kentucky and that the flight path of a mission could have passed over Maysville. A call to the 8th Air Force confirmed that this site was being used on the night of 8 February by units from Westover AFB, Massachusetts, on Low Level missions. Their altitude was 2,000 ft and standard aircraft lighting was used. Witnesses were notified of the Air Force findings in the case, evaluated as an aircraft sighting.

THIS CASE INCLUDES
10 PHOTOS 3X4

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Air Weather Service (MAWS)
Asheville, North Carolina

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1. Reference: Your telephone call 1000 EST 7 Mar 62 to Mr. DeFoster of this Division.

2. We are sending a copy of the rawinsonde observations taken on 6 Feb 1962 at Dayton, Ohio and Huntington, W. Va. These two stations are about equal distance from Lexington, Kentucky and the closest taking upper air observations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



21 February 1963

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 5D-24C-21-211

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
Maysville Kentucky
Sighted by [REDACTED]

TO: FTD (TD-E)

Attached letter from [REDACTED], dated 12 February 1963, concerning subject, referred to this office by the Louisville, Kentucky Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, is furnished for your information and action deemed appropriate.

R. G. Stutzman
ELMER M. NEVILLE
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Ltr, [REDACTED], 12 Feb 63

Copies to:
HQ USAF (AFISI-6D) w/atch
W-PAFB (EWL) w/atch

62-335 LUX ORDERED 10 MARCH

48-335 - SGT LIEDERMAN WE STOVEK 11 MARCH

SAC 8AF RBS SITE NEAR LEXINGTON

RE. OPERATIONS ON 8 FEB: ONLY INDIVIDUAL UNITS
KEEP RECORD. LOW LEVEL

AU-335 FIRM ALL BIA USE THIS RBS SITE NIGHT OF
8TH IN CONSTANT USE. USE STANDARD A/C LIGHTS
LOW LEVEL MISSION 2,000 FT.

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MAYSVILLE, KY.

February 12, 1963

MEMBER
A. P. H. F.
AND
K. P. I. A.

F.B.I.
543 South 3rd St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

Since we have been unable to learn the location of our nearest Civil Aeronautical Board, thought we might send a report through you which could be forwarded for whatever value it might be.

On February 8th I was returning from Maysville where my three teenage children had attended a ball game. We live on U.S. 68 about 8 miles south of Maysville. When we turned in our driveway, all of us spotted some type of aircraft apparently resting over the field that is in front of our house. My first impression was that it was a helicopter because that is the only kind of aircraft that I know about that can remain motionless in the air. We stopped the car to look at it, and suddenly my son exclaimed that it was a "flying saucer", whatever a flying saucer is none of us knows. Anyway, we jumped out of the car to get a better look at it.

It is very difficult to judge distance and size of some object hanging up in the air, but I would judge it to have been at least 30 feet across. It was round, and it was near enough that you could see the reflection of the lights on the surface. It had two red lights opposite each other and two blue lights opposite each other, apparently spaced at equal intervals around its circumference. The distance it was up in the air I would judge to be 200 feet, but here again we have to admit our inability to judge.

Also I immediately the object began to move, and as it did it changed position by tilting until it was vertical with the earth's surface, whereas it had been horizontal when we first sighted it. The direction it took was due west, I believe. It could not have been very high up in the atmosphere for we could see its lights through the line of trees on the hillside very soon after it had passed over horizon. It was very soon out of sight. The only lights we could see after it went into motion were the two red lights, which I believe took a position of one over the top of the other.

The object was propelled by something that sounded very much like an ordinary airplane motor. We did not notice the whir like a helicopter, nor was there anything that indicated a jet. It certainly picked up speed rapidly starting from zero, and I would judge that it traveled a distance of 200 rods before it was out of sight. I have before me a copy of an aerial map of our farm. The horizon is about 150 rods from where we were standing, and we are about 80 feet below the horizon on our driveway. This would indicate the object was only 100 feet above us, if it held the same distance (relative to us) in the air.

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From a contour map we have of Mason County, the field over which this object was resting is between 38-32'30" and 38-35' and 43-47'30" and 43-50'. The time was 9:50 P.M. On checking the geological map, I see that we were standing at about 720 feet above sea level, and the horizon is 840 feet, so I was mistaken about it being only 50 feet to the top of the hill. This means if the object went out of sight in 320 rods that it would have been 240 feet up in the air, which distance seems more realistic to me.

One other person besides us saw the craft, he was following us some distance behind and saw the lights pass over U.S. 68 just as he passed our farm. He only noticed the lights because they were low to the ground.

We would be interested in knowing if the records show a craft of this type to have been at this location.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]





